

Liturgy of the Word—Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

First Reading:
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
I see water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

R. The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. **R.**

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day. **R.**

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. **R.**

Second Reading:
1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
You are the temple of God

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:
2 Chronicles 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord,
that my name may remain in it for all time.
Alleluia!

Gospel:
John 2:13-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA



For the second Sunday in a row, the liturgical colour today is not the green of Ordinary Time. Last week it was violet for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day). This week it is white because the 32nd Sunday of Ordinary time, which would otherwise be celebrated today, has been 'trumped' by the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. The latter has precedence because it is regarded as a feast of the Lord.

The Emperor Constantine, who had recently converted from paganism, lifted the ban on Christianity in the year 313. The emperor gave the palace of the Lateran to the Church. A basilica was built beside the palace and Pope Sylvester dedicated it to the Holy Saviour on November 9th 324.

The basilica is often referred to as 'St John Lateran' because the baptistery on the site was dedicated to John the Baptist and St John the Evangelist was also associated with the basilica.

The palace of the Lateran served as the residence of the Pope continuously until 1304 when safety concerns forced Benedict XI to move to Avignon. Although the general offices of the Church were transferred to the Vatican in the mid-1400s, the Lateran basilica has always remained the Cathedral church of the Pope, the bishop of Rome and hence is the mother church for the whole world.

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We acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi People, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship.

St Patrick's Mass Times this Week	
Monday:	7:30am
Tuesday:	9:00am
Thursday:	7:00am
Friday:	5:30pm
Sunday:	9:00am(Live-streamed) 5:30pm
Reconciliation: Friday 4:45pm or on request	

Support of the Gympie Parish

Thank you for your continued financial support of the Gympie Parish it is greatly appreciated and much needed. If you would like to support the Parish financially please see the ways below.

Direct Debit: Account Name: St Patrick's Parish BSB: 064 786 Account Number: 1000 17636
Reference: Name/collections

EFTPOS: We have an EFTPOS machine at the back of the church just tap and go.

Parish Giving App: Please click on the QR code and follow the instructions to make a payment

Envelopes: If you wish to use envelopes please contact the parish office to arrange a box then place on the collection plate on either collections.

Cash: If you would like to use cash please place on the collection plate on either of the collections

Containers for Change: Simply return your containers to any of the containers for change refund points and quote our number C11306796. Donations will be used for the Youth Group Activities.

Liturgy Roster for 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 November 2025
9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: M Green
Reader 1: C Cash
Reader 2: J Newey
POF: N Gambling
Altar Servers: Amelia & Seb
Communion Ministers:
Bread: I Laherty, L Newey, D Liedel
Wine: A Towner, M Green, E Saunders, D Dillon
Power Point: C Binu
Piety Store: M Rush
Morning Tea: All Stars

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: J O'Shea
Reader 1: C Johnston
Reader 2: A Goldie
POF: S Hayes
Communion Ministers: J O'Shea, N Gruar, E Shields
Power Point: A Osborn
Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass beginning.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings

1st Reading: Malachi 3:19-20
2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

The Deceased

Let us remember in our prayers those loved ones who have died recently, Raymond Auer and Bill Garlick and those whose anniversaries fall around this time, Mary Merrin. May the faithful departed rejoice to see the face of their Saviour. Please write names in Remembrance book at the front door.

Country Church Mass Times 16/11/2025

Saturday
St Vincent de Paul – Widgee 5:00pm
Sunday
St John Vianney – Tin Can Bay 7:00am

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Sunday
St Therese Church – Gunalda 7:00am



Sacrament of Confirmation

Next Sunday will be our Fourth meeting during the 9:00am Mass followed by rehearsal after Mass for the celebration on Thursday night.

Confirmation Celebration – 20 November at 5:30pm

We would love for you to join us and celebrate the children as they complete this sacrament.

Working Bee

Our annual working bee will be happening on Saturday 29th November at 9:00am at St Patrick's Church in preparation for Advent. Would love if you can lend a hand as many hands make light work.



Hearing Loop in St Pat's

For anyone using hearing aids you will need to turn your hearing loop to T. The hearing loop is situated in the middle of the Church. If you are unable to hear can you please inform Fr Rafal or let the parish office know.

Safeguarding

https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding
Information can be provided to STOPline anonymously.
Phone: 1300 304 550 Email: AOB@stopline.com.au
Online: bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

Youth Group

Youth Group will be on Friday 14 November 2025 at 3:30pm until 5:00pm for youth in Year 6 to Year 10 in the Parish Centre. Afternoon tea provided.

A Helping Hand

Do you enjoy helping others? St Vincent de Paul Conference is looking for volunteers to help with family assistance. If you would like any further information please contact on 54811 525 and leave a message.

Thank you

"On behalf of St Patrick's St Vincent de Paul Conference I wish to thank everyone who so generously donated towards the Winter Appeal. Your generosity is so greatly appreciated which goes towards helping us assist the increasing number of people who are struggling to pay rent and put food on the table. Once again many thanks.

Ann Condon
President "



St Vincent de Paul Society
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November Masses 2025

November is traditionally a month when we remember and pray for those who have gone before us, marked by the sign of faith. The Church has always practised praying for the souls of the departed. The Bible offers numerous scriptural reasons for this intercessory prayer for the dead. Job's sacrifices purified his sons (Job 1:5), and Judas Maccabeus "made atonement for the dead that they be delivered from their sin" (2 Macc 12:46). This meaningful tradition of praying for our departed love ones is cherished through both public and private prayers, especially by offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for their repose. Yellow envelopes are available at the front of the church for November Masses. Feel free to take one, write the name of your departed loved ones in BLOCK letters ON THE BACK OF THE ENVELOPE, and if you'd like to include a donation. You can place your envelope on the collection plate or hand it to Father.

A vocation view:

Dedication to the Lateran Basilica – C/1
"Zeal for your house will devour me." How can we passionately follow God today? (John 2:13-22)

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What's happening

Date	Event
13th November	Lions Morning Tea
16th November	Confirmation Candidates 4th meeting and Rehearsal
20th November	Confirmation Celebration
27th November	Men's Afternoon 12:30pm till 2:00pm Parish Centre
29th November	Working Bee @ St Patrick's Church 9:00am
6th December	Anointing of the Sick and Mass St Patrick's Church 9:00am

Sacristans Required

Fr Rafal is looking for Sacristans that can come and help open, close and setup the church on days that we have Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms etc. You may be required to assist during the week as well. If you can assist please see Fr Rafal or contact the Parish Office. Fr Rafal will train you in what you are required to know and Brianna can assist you with obtaining all the correct documents for safeguarding.

Rosters

With only a couple of weeks until we are in December can you please advise the office if you will be going away over December and January so we can arrange the Sunday Rosters.

The Christmas Roster is available in the front of the church please put your name down if you will be available to assist over the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass's.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday 24th December 2025 Vigil
4:00pm St Peter the Fisherman – Rainbow Beach
6:30pm St Patrick's – Gympie

Thursday 25th December 2025
7:00am Sacred Heart Church – Kandanga
9:00am St Patrick's – Gympie

Carols will be played 30minutes prior to Mass.

Country Church Locations

St Therese Church – Gunalda, Balkin Street, GUNALDA QLD 4570
Sacred Heart Church – Kandanga, 43-45 Stephen's Street, KANDANGA QLD 4570
St Peter the Fisherman Church – Rainbow Beach, Manooka Drive, RAINBOW BEACH QLD 4581
St John Vianney Church – Tin Can Bay, 22-24 Bream Street, TIN CAN BAY QLD 4580
St Vincent de Paul – Widgee, Cnr Gympie-Woolooga and Little Widgee Road, WIDGEE QLD 4570